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To: Delta Protection Commission
From: Lori Clamurro, Delta Protection Commission Staff
Re: Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup Program

In response to the longstanding and frequent problem of illegal dumping of solid waste (such as vehicles, appliances, and tires) on rural private agricultural sites, in 1997 the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1330, which established the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup Program. This grant program, administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, provides financial assistance to cities and counties for cleaning up and abating the effects of illegally disposed solid waste on agricultural lands. Grant applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

Under the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup Program, each city or county submitting proposals may receive up to \$50,000 per year, not to exceed \$10,000 for a single cleanup or abatement project. To date, four counties have applied for and received funding: Siskiyou, Trinity, Plumas, and San Joaquin; the grant program will fund cleanup efforts in all four counties. San Joaquin County was recently awarded \$49,312 to dispose of solid waste at nine different sites (see attached article).

Anyone interested in pursuing funding under the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup Program may contact Georgeanne Turner, California Integrated Waste Management Board, at (916) 255-2301. More information on the program is also available online; the Web address is www.ciwmb.ca.gov/leacentral/cleanup/grants/farmranch.